



# THE VISION

March 2020

*“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them and...teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you...”*

“Congratulations, it’s a Boy!” I will address that quote a little later. Let me begin by saying our church family has been hit hard with illnesses. I pray that our Lord will continue to heal our bodies and reinvigorate our spirits.

My experience has been this: Thursday morning February 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00a.m. started out as a normal morning. 7:20a.m., I began feeling achy. 7:30a.m., I had a fever and ached from my head down to my toes! 11:15a.m., Donna had me sitting in our doctor’s office. 12 noon the nurse swabbed my nose to test for the flu. She said the culture test could take up to 15 minutes. She was back in 5 minutes... “Congratulations, it’s a Boy!” You have the flu!

Our doctor came right in saying, “Rev. (that’s what he calls me) you sure have made our staff very happy!” He continued by saying, “so many patients have been coming in saying they have the flu, but the swab culture has not tested positive for the flu. We thought the machine was broken, but not so with you! You have Type A flu!”

I was delighted I passed their test and their machine was not broken, but I still felt achy and broken! We left with

prescriptions and techniques to fight the flu. Thank our Lord for our doctors, nurses and their staff members!

Throughout my recovery and for anyone’s recovery, I invite us to take our doctor’s meds but also read our Heavenly Father’s Healing Word! Here is one simple passage that has helped me, **(Isaiah 41:10)**, *“Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.”*

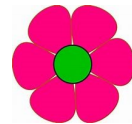
Isaiah is teaching us this: we do not need to be afraid (hopeless). God’s presence is with us and we never need to feel discouraged. God has established His role in our relationship, *“I am your God.”* Our strength and help comes from His power and love. God will hold us up by his mighty right hand. Our Heavenly Father extends His right hand of strength, power and fellowship to us. Think about that, God wants to be with us! Beloved, our God loves us when we are feeling well and when we are feeling achy! **BLESSED BE THE NAME OF THE LORD!**

Pastor Bud Goude

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# Deacon's Devotional

## Godliness and/or Happiness

*“Whoever pursues godliness and unfailing love will find life, godliness, and honor.” ~Proverbs 21:21*

American history records that when Benjamin Franklin signed the Declaration of Independence along with our other forefathers he made the following comment: “Well gentlemen, we must now hang together, or we shall most assuredly hang separately”. Franklin knew quite well that what they had done would be seen by the British king and government as an act of treason and rebellion. Even though they could expect severe punishment and suffering for their action, they felt their cause was right and required to throw off the oppressive rule of the British government and live freely enjoying “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness”.

In our society it seems that nearly everyone is pursuing happiness in some way or another. Most seek wealth, more or bigger/better “things” or pleasure, etc.; and much commercial effort is committed to providing these things in our nation. However, in spite of all efforts, happiness is an illusive goal for many. One cannot buy lasting happiness or inner contentment with material things or temporary pleasures.

Proverbs 21:21 tells us that we (God’s people) are to pursue “godliness” and “unfailing love”. Godliness and unfailing love relate to actions and conduct that pleases God. Pursuit of happiness alone usually involves actions or things that make one feel good. Godliness by being good pleases God and doing good brings blessings to others. When we pursue godliness as noted in Proverbs 21:21, we will achieve true happiness, inner peace, joy, and often gain the respect of those who may not believe as we do.

Bill Breeden, Deacon



## **WOMEN’S RETREAT**

**March 7, 2020**

**Gloucester Point Baptist Church**

**Time: 8:00 – 3:30**

Speaker: Rev. Sandy McElfresh

When you look in the mirror who do you see?  
Do you see yourself as fearfully and wonderfully made?

Ladies, lets get together and be led in God’s word  
through a time of  
Reflection, Music, Worship, Bible study,

## **Easter Crosses**

Would you like to place a cross on the cross in Memory or in Honor of a Loved One? The donations for the crosses will go to support Benevolence. A cross can be placed for a minimum of a \$5.00 donation, but more will gladly be accepted. The Deadline will be Thursday, 4/9/20 and the crosses will be placed on the cross as the donations are received. The Cross Contributors List will be included in the Easter bulletin. Place your form & payment in the labeled box in the Narthex. Contact Paulette Ashe at 642-3251 for questions. Thanks for your generosity!



**Deacon of the Week**

3/1-Gus Saunders  
3/8-Debra Wood  
3/15-Keith Belvin  
3/22-Bill Breeden  
3/29-Jimmy Diggs

**Nursery Workers**

3/1-L. Walton/G. Breeden  
3/8-Devon/Elyza Willard  
3/15-Mallory Wagner/Youth  
3/22-A. Crummett/A. Zepeda  
3/29-Beverley/Connie West

**March Ushers**

Sonya Anthony  
Stan Gandee  
Jamie Moore  
Stewart Wood

**March Tellers**

Tommy Ashe  
Buddy Hogge

**Sun. Sch. Nursery**

Sharon/Howard Warren



**CHURCH  
WORKERS**

**Older Children's Church**

3/1-Theresa Svoboda  
3/8-Jennifer/Lauren Hall  
3/15-M. McNeil/D. Gandee  
3/22-Emma Crawford  
3/29-Allie Holman

**Younger Children's Church**

3/1-Mike/Sarah Zipf  
3/8-N. Dyson/S. Anthony  
3/15-J. West/J. Marshall  
3/22-L.Sentz/R. Wells  
3/29-Tammy Greggs/Youth



MAY THE STRENGTH OF GOD  
PILOT US,  
MAY THE WISDOM OF GOD  
INSTRUCT US,  
MAY THE HAND OF GOD  
PROTECT US,  
MAY THE WORD OF GOD  
DIRECT US.

- SAINT PATRICK

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**Week Of Prayer For North American Missions  
and The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering**  
March 1-8, 2020

Our Theme this year is "It's All About The Gospel".

**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By His great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 1 Peter 1:3 RSV**

You can send the hope of the gospel. Your prayers and financial support make it possible for the North American Mission Board to train, resource and send missionaries who share the good news of Christ.

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering changes lives forever by empowering North American missionaries to bring the gospel to the lost. With over 273 million people in North America who do not know Jesus Christ, the need is great, and the mission is far from finished.

Every year, we honor the life and missions impact of Annie Walker Armstrong (1850-1938) when we give to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American missions. As a tireless servant of God and a contagious advocate of missions efforts throughout the world, Annie Armstrong united women in missions endeavors, ultimately leading to the formation of Woman's Missionary Union (WMU).

As believers, we are called to boldly send the hope of the gospel. Every dollar given to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering goes directly to support missionaries and their missions work throughout North America.

Please support Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.  
**Our church goal is \$3,000.**

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## Sunday Schedule

Sunday School (All Ages): 9:40 am  
 Worship Service: 11:00 am  
 C.A.R.E. Ministry: 2:00 pm

## Wednesday Schedule

5:30 pm: Children & Youth Dinner  
 6:00 pm: Children's/Junior Choir  
 6:30 pm: Children/Youth Bible Study  
 6:30 pm: Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

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\*\*\*Annie Armstrong North American Missions 3/1-3/8

### March Birthdays:

Terry Littell	3/5
Sarah Saunders	3/6
Tammy Greggs	3/8
Heidi Gibbons	3/9
Brayden Wagner	3/10
Connie Stewart	3/12
Stan Gandee	3/12
Patricia Ezzell	3/20
Linda Breaks	3/21
Joanne Shackelford	3/22
Kristi Patton	3/24
Jeanne Thompson	3/28
Bill Cahoon	3/29
Kelly Cirillo	3/31

### Anniversaries:

L.T. & Rachel Wells	3/5
Derick & Jennifer Hall	3/11



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1*** Lord's Supper 11:00am	2*** American Heritage Girls Mid Year Awards 6:30pm	3*** Bldg & Grounds Mtg 7:00pm	4***	5*** Girl Scouts 6:00pm	6*** AA 8:00pm	7*** GPBC Women's Retreat 8am-3:30pm
8*** S.S. Breakfast/Safe Harbor 9:40am  Deacon Mtg 3pm	9 American Heritage Girls Ministry Team 6:30pm	10	11	12 Girl Scouts 6:00pm	13 AA 8:00pm	14
15  Youth Council Meeting 12:00pm	16 American Heritage Girls 6:30pm  Vision Articles Due	17 Armstrong Circle 6:30pm	18 St. Patrick's Day Kids Party (during team kid)	19 Acree Circle 10:00am  Girls Scouts 6:00pm	20 Homeschool Co-op 10:00am  AA 8:00pm	21 Emma Crawford Quilting 9am-4pm
22	23	24	25 Family Night Supper 6:00pm	26 Girl Scouts 6:00pm	27 WMU Shut In Meal  AA 8:00pm	28 Church Wide Cleanup 9am-12pm
29	30 WMU Council Meeting 10am  American Heritage Girls 6:30pm	31				